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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

**"MULTI-HOMING PROXY APPARATUS, AND ASSOCIATED METHOD, FOR
DIGITAL COMMUNICATION NETWORK"**

the specification of which is filed herewith.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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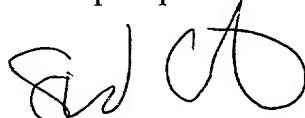
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